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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: Director, Office of General Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS" STAMPS

1. On 11 June 1993, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue the fifth and final set of stamps in its multiyear series commemorating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Every year since its inception on 17 November 1989, UNPA has issued six stamps in six denominations. The stamp designs have been specially selected works of art representing each one of the Declaration's 30 Articles. Now, with the issuing of this final set, UNPA has completed one of its most important projects: reproducing the entire text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in postage stamp format. Continuing the format utilized in the previous years of the series, the 1993 Human Rights stamps will be released in six separate mini-sheets. The special format of these sheets alternates rows of six stamps with rows of six tabs containing the full text of the Article reflected in the art on the stamp. On each sheet, the tabs will alternate in English, French and German.

2. The stamps were printed by Joh. Enschedé en Zonen (Netherlands) by offset. They were adapted as stamps by Robert Stein, a United Nations staff member.

3. The concept and sheet design were developed by Arleigh Gaines (U.S.A.).

4. The stamps measure 33 mm x 33 mm, perforation to perforation. Perforation: 13 1/2 x 13 1/2. A total of 2,502,000 stamps and labels were printed of each of the six denominations.

5. The art work is credited to the following sources:

Article 25

Thomas Hart Benton (U.S.A.)
(1899-1975)
Shocking Corn, 1945
Collection, Minnesota
Museum of Art, St. Paul
Katharine G. Ordway
Fund Purchase

Denomination: 29 cents

Article 26

Jacob Lawrence (U.S.A.)
The Library, 1960
National Museum of
American Art
Photo: Art Resource,
New York

Denomination: 35 cents

Article 27

Pablo Picasso (Spain)
Three Musicians, 1921
Oil on canvas, 80" x 74"
A. E. Gallatin Collection
Philadelphia Museum of Art
(c) 1992 ARS,
N.Y./SPADEN, Paris

Denomination: F.s. 0,50

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Article 28

René Magritte (Belgium)
Voice of Space, 1931
Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice
(The Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation)
Photo: Myles Aronowitz

Denomination: F.s. 0,90

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rticle 28 Toute personne a droit à ce que règne, sur le plan social et sur le plan international, un ordre tel que les droits et libertés énoncés dans la présente Déclaration puissent y trouver plein effet.
rtikel 28 Jeder Mensch hat Anspruch auf eine soziale und internationale Ordnung, in welcher die in der vorliegenden Erklärung angeführten Rechte und Freiheiten voll verwirklicht werden können.
rticle 28 Everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration can be fully realized.

Article 29

Ferdinand G. Waldmüller (Austria)
Lower Austrian Peasants' Wedding, 1843
Schloss Belvedere, Vienna

Denomination: S 5

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rticle 29 (1) Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible.
(2) In the exercise of his rights and freedoms, everyone shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order and the general welfare in a democratic society.
(3) These rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

Article 30

Sally Morgan (Australia)
Outback
Courtesy Jan Weiss Gallery

Denomination: S 6

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rtikel 30 Keine Bestimmung der vorliegenden Erklärung darf so ausgelegt werden, daß sich daraus für einen Staat, eine Gruppe oder eine Person irgendein Recht ergibt, eine Tätigkeit auszuüben oder eine Handlung zu setzen, welche auf die Vernichtung der in dieser Erklärung angeführten Rechte und Freiheiten abzielen.
rticle 30 Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as implying for any State, group or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act aimed at the destruction of any of the rights and freedoms set forth herein.

(United States equivalents - F.s. 0,50: 39 cents; F.s. 0,90: 69 cents; S 5: 50 cents; S 6: 59 cents - subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

6. The stamps will be available in selling units of SINGLES and FULL SHEETS ONLY. Please note that a SINGLE unit will consist of a block of six images, i.e. three stamps with three labels on which the Article is printed in English, French and German.

7. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared New York, Geneva and Vienna cancelled first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets ONLY. First-day covers will be available as M.I. Block of 6 (three stamps and three labels with marginal inscription) and combination (one of each stamp in one currency with attached label in either English, French or German and sold in sets of the three languages).

8. The 1993 Human Rights annual collection folders will also go on sale on 11 June:

(a) The fifth and final multi-denominational folder containing the six 1993 mint stamps and Articles in the Human Rights Series;

(b) A special triple-cancelled Human Rights annual collection folder with the stamps in all three denominations affixed and appropriately cancelled in New York, Geneva and Vienna.

9. For the convenience of members of delegations and the staff, the new stamps, folders and first-day cancellation will be available on Friday, 11 June, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Note: the entire Human Rights Series (all 30 Articles) will be available at this location. The 1988 Fortieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights stamps and souvenir sheets will also be on sale. The stamps illustrate the Human Rights flame and the souvenir sheet contains the full text of the Preamble;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (1993 issue only).

10. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can educate unseen thousands of people to the activities and goals of the United Nations.